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HOMEMAKERS' CHAT

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SUBJECT: "Good Care Means Good Wear"...Information from the Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture.

It may seem like getting the children's clothes ready for school and lining up her own winter wardroabe would furnish enough clothing problems for any homemaker. But we all know there's one more. The men in the family wear clothes too and their things have to be looked after.

The new suits men get these days come from wartime fabrics. They call for extra help to look well and give service. The old ones that have to last a little longer fall into that same class. So the clothing specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture have jotted down some timely tips for us in caring for men's suits.

First, brush suits often with a good clothes brush. Whisk brooms only hit the high spots. In brushing, work with the grain of the cloth and get out all the dust pay special attention to corners and folds.

Then, hang suits up carefully. Best way to hang coats is on broad wooden hangers of the wish bone shape. Hang trousers..cuffs up..in hangers with clips. If the trousers must be laid over the crossbar of a wire hanger, fasten cardboard or thick paper over the crossbar to ward off sharp creases.

Another point. Check buttons once in a while. Lost buttons aren't easily replaced yet.

And here's how to save wear on trouser cuffs. Sew a strip of cloth or tape just inside the edge. Be sure the trousers aren't too long. Those finished about one half inch above the heels both look and wear better.

A special reminder to drivers is that sliding across car seats adds shine and wear, but quick. Office workers should know that a firm pad on their chairs will prevent shine.

Taking care of a suit may call for a little time and energy. But it pays because good care means better wear. And better wear from men's suits is the order of the day right now.

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